

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We write to you regarding the FCC's current efforts to reform the Universal Service Fund and intercarrier compensation system. We support modernizing these programs, including making them more accountable and broadband-focused to meet the goal of providing affordable and comparable communications service to all Americans. However, we also encourage the development of a support mechanism framework that does not jeopardize current or hamper future private sector and federal lending program investment.

Over the last three decades, communications carriers in rural areas have invested millions of dollars in communications networks supported not only by universal service, but also by private investment and federal telecommunications and broadband loan programs. As part of the ongoing reform effort, the FCC now proposes a number of new program restraints, benchmarks and formulas intended to make universal service more efficient and implement a new intercarrier compensation system. Telecommunication providers will be expected to adapt and manage their investments and businesses to those new standards and rules. Consequently, we believe these reform proposals must strike a balance to protect the investments that have already occurred and the need to overhaul the programs.

We believe strongly robust broadband networks will lead to increased adoption, job creation and economic opportunity. However, as the regulatory reform effort moves forward, we must also ensure new rules and regulations do not have unintended consequences and hamper our investment in our rural communities. Thus, we request that you seriously consider these concerns.

We look forward to working with you to address these matters.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich

Senator Mark Begich

John Thune

Senator John Thune

Jim Johnson

Chris L. Hatch

Daniel K. Flake

Ang Klobuchar

Al Franken

Jeffrey A. Merkley

Mark Udall

Kent Conrad

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Jerry Moran

Mike Enzi

Chuck Grassley



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

May 31, 2011

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Daniel Akaka
United States Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Akaka:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's current efforts to reform the Universal Service Fund and the intercarrier compensation system. I understand and share your concern that these reforms should be designed so that they adequately consider potential impact on existing investment in rural areas.

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The Honorable John Barrasso
United States Senate
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Max S. Baucus
United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Baucus:

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The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
274 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate
355 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Saxby Chambliss
United States Senate
416 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate
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The Honorable Michael D. Crapo
United States Senate
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate
379A Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Tom Harkin
United States Senate
731 Hart Senate Office Building
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United States Senate
302 Hart Senate Office Building
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269 Russell Senate Office Building
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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Jerry Moran
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Moran:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's current efforts to reform the Universal Service Fund and the intercarrier compensation system. I understand and share your concern that these reforms should be designed so that they adequately consider potential impact on existing investment in rural areas.

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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable E. Benjamin Nelson
United States Senate
720 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Nelson:

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The Honorable Mark Pryor
United States Senate
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable James E. Risch
United States Senate
483 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
724 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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